UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : MR. CALLAHAN

DATE: 9/8/75

FROM : J. B. ADAMS

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD MATTER

Assassination of President John F. Kennedy

On 9/3/75 I received a telephone call from former Assistant to the Director John P. Mohr who wanted to report that he had been contacted by Time reporter [redacted] who had advised him that a source had reported that Special Agent Hosty had destroyed the Oswald note upon instructions of Mr. Mohr. Mr. Mohr stated that he advised [redacted] that such an allegation was absolutely ridiculous and he had no idea whatsoever as to the basis for any such statement. Mr. Mohr also advised me that he had no information as to why anyone would make such a false statement about him and wanted the Bureau to be aware of this call.

On 9/4/75 Mr. [redacted] contacted me in the absence of Mr. Callahan and asked where Mr. Callahan, Mr. Walsh and I were assigned during 1963. I advised him that to the best of my recollection Mr. Callahan was the Assistant Director of the Administrative Division, Mr. Walsh was his Number One Man and I know at the time I was Assistant Personnel Officer. I asked him the basis for his inquiry and he informed me that it was in connection with the Oswald matter in Dallas and that he had received information from a source that Hosty was supposed to have destroyed the Oswald note upon instructions of Mr. Mohr. Further that Mr. Callahan, Mr. Walsh and Mr. Adams were all in the Administrative Division at the time and if such had happened they would probably know about it. I told Mr. [redacted] that insofar as the Bureau's inquiries concerning the Oswald matter are concerned, we have stated that there would be no further comment beyond Mr. Kelley's statement for the public record until all inquiries have been completed and the Department has considered the matter. Off the record, however, I felt that he should be aware that I categorically deny any knowledge whatsoever of any activity on the part of Hosty or Mr. Mohr and that it would appear to me that this is a malicious statement being made by some individual trying to use him for reasons unknown. He readily admitted that he had serious questions concerning the authenticity of the information as

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a number of people are enemies of Mr. Mohr for various reasons, nonetheless he felt he had to check with me in view of the nature of the allegation.

ACTION:

None. Information only.